

Egremont Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)

Working Group Meeting

Via Zoom

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

In Attendance: Bruce Bernstein, Will Brinker, Will Conklin, Emily Eyre, Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Joyce Frater, Donna Gordon, Fred Gordon, Dave Rejeski

Recording: Juliette Haas

- 1) The minutes from the February 16, 2021 were adopted as presented.
- 2) Thoughts and comments were heard by all present regarding the three firms interviewed for the Egremont MVP Certified Provider position: Berkshire Regional Planning, BSC Group and Weston & Sampson. The group ruled out BSC Group due to their reluctance in preparing an integrated Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)/Climate Action Plan (CAP). While it was felt Berkshire Regional Planning could lend a local approach, there was concern that their staffing may not be able to accommodate the additional workload. All members felt Weston & Sampson (W&S) delivered the strongest presentation. Members aired their feelings that W&S had the greatest depth of skills, organization and would deliver a plan that would have a strong global point of view while keeping Egremont's size and needs in focus. An added benefit was their ability to provide rough estimates on engineering costs for future projects.

Weston and Sampson will be called back for a second interview and invited to have additional members of their team who may work on an Egremont plan present.

- 3) Joyce Frater had questions regarding the HMP from 2012 which listed potential areas of concern and how these potential projects could get future attention for actual mitigation.
- 4) The group discussed the applications timeline and requirements. Egremont's CORE Team will need to be established and listed on the application. The actual Egremont MVP Planning Committee may be a smaller "executive-type" group, but the CORE Team will be those who have worked on the project to date.
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday March 2, at 2:00 pm.

Juliette Haas